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CONGRESSMAN BRITTEN, THE which are effecting the Germans or ILLINOIS LAWMAKER, HAS HAD IT RUBBED IN ON HIM

By A. N. Fields. (Reprinted by request.)

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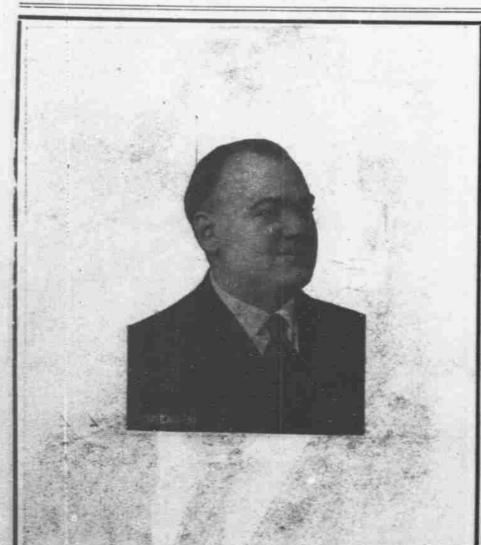
women of your race.

whole of your attention from the evils own country.

the Rhine, but merely to ask that you be just a bit generous with the suffering humanity in your own country. I assume, Mr. Congressman, that

you were born upon American soil I have observed from press dis- and that you are acquainted with the patches that you are much disturbed history of this country, especially that over the alleged atrocities of the portion of it having to do with our French Black Troops on the Rhine, recent war, but for fear that your and being so disturbed you contem- interest in Foreign affairs may have plate a set of resolutions to present precented you from properly acquaintto the Congress of the United States, ing yourself with the history of Amercalling upon France to withdraw them ica, may I not, with becoming modesfrom military occupation of the area ty, apprise you of the fact that over herein designated. I also learn from four hundred thousand of America's the same source that Mrs. Britten has black soldiers braved the dangers of left this country for France for the sea, pestilence, disease and war in purpose of using her influence with their effort to make possible upon the Prevale Occupancy, that their to foreign aboves the real spirit of Amerlican Democracy. Thousands of these I must commend you and your es- brave heroes are sleeping in unmarked teemable wife for your unwifest in graves on the battlefields upon which terest in foreign affairs; but may I they fought, while thousands of others courteously inquire if you have been returned to their homes afflicted with fully advised concerning existing con- every disease known to the scourage ditions in your own country, and if of war. These black soldiers gave you are not, may I not be permitted their all that the capitol at Washingto call your attention to the recent ton, where you reign, might not be

accuracy of which was verified and terest in devastating Germany, and in vouched for a very few days ago by the alleged conduct of the French the distinguished Governor of that Black Troops on the Rhine; I simply hope to interest you in some of the I take it, Congressman, that in your | cruel and savage devestations in your manifold duties you have not read own country, to the end that through in the public press that Negro citi- your broad and magnanimous spirit, zens of your country have been, and you may some day find time to adare being burned at stake for the most dress a memorial to the American trivial causes and their bones taken people, showing your disapproval of for sovenirs by the young men and the inhuman manner in which the black citizens of America are being It is not my hope to detract the treated by the white citizens of their



HON. WILLIAM J. LYNCH

Member of the City Council from the Old Thirtieth Ward Who Stands Very High in the Estimation of All the Colored People in His Neck of the Woods. Alderman Lynch Wishes His Constituents and Friends the Compliments of the Holiday Season.

#### WITH THE CHRISTMAS PLANTS

Trees and Flowers Are Believed to Owe Peculiarities to Connection With Jesus.

HE legend of the Glastonbury Thorn is that after the death of Jesus, Joseph of Arimathea came over to

England. Shortly before Christmas, he rested on the summit of Weary-all hill, Glastonbury. There he thrust into the ground his staff, and on Christmas eve It was found to be covered with white blossoms. The bush is said to have continued blooming thus each Christmas eve until during the civil wars, when it was cut down. Cuttings from the original thorn are said to bloom in this same wonderful way even yet.

The Silician children put pennyroyal in their cots on Christmas eve. believing that at the exact hour and minute when Jesus was born it will

There is a cherished legend in the East that the Rose of Jericho first blossomed at the birth of Jesus, closed at the crucifixion, and opened again at Easter, from which comes its name of Resurrection flower.

Many plants, trees and flowers are believed to owe their peculiarities to their connection with the birth or the childhood of Jesus. "The Star of Bethlehem" is so called because its white starlike flowers resemble the pictures of the Star of the East.

"Our Lady's Bedstraw" received its name because it was believed that the manger in which the Babe lay was filled with this plant.

An old account tells the story in this manner: "The broom and the chick-peas began to rustle and crackle, and by this noise betrayed the fugitives. The flax bristled up. Happily for her, Mary was near a juniper; the hospitable tree opened its branches as arms and inclosed the Virgin and the Child within their folds, affording them a secure hiding place. Then the Virgin uttered a malediction against the brooms and the chick-peas, and ever since that day they have always rustled and crackled. But later the Virgin pardoned the flax its weakness and gave the juniper her blessing," which is said to account for the use of the juniper as Christmas decorations in some countries.



#### Adeste Fideles

HIS well-known and greatly leved Christmas hymn was used at Benediction at Christmastide in France and England since the close of the Eighteenth century. It was sung at the Portuguese legation in London as early as 1797. The most popular musical setting was ascribed by Vincent Novello, organist there, to Joun mending, who was organist at Wischester cathedral from 1675-81. and later at Winchester college. The hymn itself has been at tributed to St. Bonaventure, but is not found among his works. It is probably of French or German authorship. It invites all the faithful to come to Bethlehem to worship the new-born Savior.-Catholic Encyclopedia.

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Roast Pig. Have your butcher prepare the pig for roasting and lay him in cold water for fifteen minutes. Dry him inside and out with a soft cloth. Make a stuffing of bread crumbs, seasoned to taste with salt, pepper, parsley, sweet marjoram and thyme; moisten with butter, and work into the dressing two beaten eggs. Stuff the pig so that he will hold his original size and shape, and after sewing him up bend his fore legs backward and his hind legs forward under him. Skewer or tie him in this attitude and after dredging him well with flour put him, with a little water, in a covered roaster. Roast for an hour and a half before removing the cover, then rub him well with butter, baste him with the gravy in the pan and roast half an hour longer, basting twice during that time. Apple sauce should be served with him, a lemon should be in his mouth, cranberries in his eye sockets.-The Delin-

Who Invented the Friction Match? ▲ German chemist has made an exhaustive study of this question and concludes that no one person can be considered to be the inventor of the friction match.-Scientific American.

Ostrich Can Move Fast. At full speed an ostrich is said to make sixty miles an hour and for a limited time can outrun a horse. Ostriches can be run down by men on horseback, because the ostrich rus in more or less of a circle and the horseman can take advantage of the fact.

Island Has Remarkable Properties. The Island of Crete has undergone a remarkable tilting since classical times, rising at its western end and sinking at its eastern. A harbor at the west end of the island is now high and dry, so that one can walk about its floor, while the ancient quays and harbors works at the eastern end are now under water.

Uses of "Atomized" Coal. "Atomized" coal-different from merely "powdered" coal because very minutely divided—is a new product that is finding important uses. It is used for making a high-grade paint and also a substitute for lampblack in the manufacture of ink. Another valuable employment for it is in "facing" foundry molds, to give the surfaces a smooth finish in preparation Twilight Party at the Vincennes Ho- spent 1,500 eating, and has been Ill

# BELIEFS OF THE PEASANTS

Odd Christmas Superstitions Handed Down From Past Ages to the Ignorant Europeans.

HE peasantry of Europe have had certain Christmas superstitions handed down to them from past ages. Just how far these simple folk can be fooled is to be wondered. If the light is let go out on Christ-

If you are born at sermon time Christmas eve, some one in the house will die within the year. If you steal hay the night before

mas morning, you will see spirits.

Christmas, and give the cattle some, they will thrive and you will not be caught in any future thefts. If you eat a raw egg, fasting on Christmas morn, you can carry heavy weights. It is unlucky to carry anything from the house on Christmas

brought in. It is unlucky to give a neighbor a live coal to kindle a fire with on Christmas morning.

morning until something has been

If the fire burns brightly on Christmas morning, it betokens prosperity during the year; if it smolders, ad-

If a dog howls the night before Christmas, it will go mad within the If you steal anything at Christmas

without being caught, you can steal safely for a year. On Christmas eve thrash the gar-

den with a fiail, with only your shirt on, and the grass will grow well next Tie wet strawbands around the or-

chard trees on Christmas eve and it will make them fruitful. On Christmas eve put a stone on

every tree, and they will bear the Beat the trees on Christmas night.

and they will bear the more. If after a Christmas dinner you shake out the tablecloth over the bare ground under the open sky, crumbwort will grow on the spot.

If on Christmas day or eve, you hang a washcloth out on the hedge, and then groom the horses with it, they will grow fat.

As often as the cock crows on Christmas eve, the quarter of corn now celebrated throughout the entire will be as dear.

If you burn elder on Christmas eve, you will have revealed to you all the witches and sorcers of the neighbor-



#### SHOULD MAKE OTHERS HAPPY

Best Way to Celebrate Christmas Is to Do Something in Memory of Childhood Days.

T SEEMS that when one has grown a little old, the best and the happiest way to celebrate Christmas is to to do something for remem-brance—in remembrance of one's own childhood, for Christmas is really for the children, after all.

It is for children more than for others because it is a day that commemorates the birth of a child-that wondrous Christ child that was born in a manger of a stable in the little town of Bethlehem 2,000 years ago.

Now, there will be scarcely a child in all the world who will not await the dawn of Christmas morning with a wondering soul. It is the dawn of that day when the morning stars sang together, and when peace on earth and good will toward men were proclaimed from the high heavens. But, there will be many a child to whom Christmas will not bring its dearly longed-for happiness.

The children of the rich will not be disappointed, nor will the children of the very poor be disappointed. It is the child who has not rich or wellto-do folks, but who, at the same time. is not subject for charity, who will be unhappy when Christmas comes.

And it is this child that you should seek out and make happy-for remem-

You see, it is a fact that we can make a happy Christmas for ourselves only by making some one else happy. Do not think that you can make a happy Christmas for yourself any other way, because you cannot do so.

Try the way here pointed out. The child is easily found, and when you have found that one and have made it happy, the very angels of God will envy you the gladness that you will

Devil's Food Cake.

and beat together until smooth. Sift

cupful of sifted pastry flour. Beat smooth and bake in a loaf in a mod-

flowing-

MRS. JESSE BINGA

tel. Formal dancing.

Monday evening, December 26th, at

ter for cake than bread flour.

erate oven. Pastry flour is always bet-Put over the fire in a clean saucepan one cupful of light brown sugar, After Santa Has Filled to O'er--the stockings of each girl and boy, with trumpets and horns made for blowing, and every known kind of a toy-I wish that he'd buy me a present, a gift that no other could match, that would make me feel jolly and pleasant-some woolens that never

Sleeps 6,000 Days. half past five o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. man has slept 6,000 days, worked 6,500,

CHRISTMAS BAN IN 1643

Yuletide Observance Was Not Permitted by Edict of "Roundhead Parliament" in England.

N THE northern part of Europe the ancient people kindled great fires to their gods, Odin and Thor, and sacrifices of men and cattle were made. The ancient Goths and

Saxons termed this festival or feast "Yule," and we still use the word "Yuletide" in our day. Among the Teutons this holiday season was celebrated by decorating giant fir trees. The decorations consisted of lights, nuts, balls, golden apples and animals. These were to symbolize flashes of lightning, moon, stars and sun, while the animals represented sacrifices.

Christmas was not among the early festivals of the church. We find the first evidence of the feast from Egypt, according to the historians of the church, and December 25 was not the day on which it was universally celebrated. It was not until the Fourth or Fifth centuries that the celebration of the festival on this day spread to the East. The Nativity was celebrated December 25 at Rome before 354, and at Constantinople, not prio

As paganism began to be supplanted by Christianity, many of the old customs were taken and handed down through the generations. In the Anglo-Saxon days of King Alfred the holiday season began December 16 and closed January 6. When Puritanism arose in England the fate of Christmas was threatened for a time, and even extended to this country, since the Puritans brought along with them to New England a feeling against the celebration of Christmas.

In 1643 the "Roundhead parlia ment" in England put a ban on the observance of Christmas. The court of Massachusetts in 1659 followed England's example and Christmas was put under a ban there. With the restoration of the English royalty the restoration of Christmas was brought about, and Massachusetts again followed England's example and in 1661 the ban was lifted. From this time on Christmas has remained, and is civilized world.



A Christmas "Suppose"

Children's Christmas, But suppose all the grown-up people were to say to one another: "This year, instend of my giving you a present, let us club together and give our present to some poor child who will not have any Christmas. There are hundreds do not know of such a child, let us give our present to a hospital for children, a home for crippled children, for incurables, for the aged, the blind, the feeble-minded." This to be, of course, in addition to what we usually give to charities at this season. Why could we not try this as an experiment, and see what the result would be?-Christian Reg-

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Rassia's Christmas Comes Late, In Russia Christmas occurs 13 days after our own. Perhaps one of the most interesting customs of the season is the Russian Christmas feast, for old and young alike, for which they dress themselves in various masquerad ing costumes and visit house after house, accepting the hospitality of their neighbors. The Christmas season is also notable for the fact that the young girls try to find out whether they will be married during the ensuing year or not. Some of them at twelve o'clock on Christmas Eve, secretly go out into the street and ask the first man they meet what his name is. Whatever name he gives will be that borne by their future husbandssuch is the belief. Some of the girls are very much disappointed when the name is not a nice one, or when the man, as he will sometimes, calls himself Satan or something similar.

## Origin of the Word Yule.

Many explanations are given of the origin of the world Yule. One of the most probable is that it is derived Beat to a cream five level tablefrom the ancient Gothic word, giul or spoonfuls of butter and one cupful and hiul, the origin of our word wheel, a quarter of sugar. Add 31/2 squares The Yule festival is said to have re of unmelted chocolate, three unbeaten ceived its name from being the turneggs and one teaspoonful of vanilla ing-point of the year-when the sun apparently turns back from the south 31/2 level teaspoonfuls of baking powand begins to set each evening farther der with one-half cupful of flour and and farther to the north until in June stir in with the butter, sugar and egg it goes down almost in the northwest. mixture. Then add alternately milk In the old clog almanacs of the Midand flour until you have used threedle Ages a wheel is the device used quarters of a cupful of milk and one for marking Yule-tide or Christmas.

Chocolate Sca-Foam Fudge.

a half-cupful of water and a third of a cupful of grated chocolate and boil without stirring until it spins a thread from the point of a spoon. Have beaten stiff the white of an egg; pour the boiling mixture upon it and stir until it begins to stiffen. Drop from a spoon on waxed paper in little bonbons, or pour into a greased pan before it begins to stiffen and mark into squares with a buttered knife.-The Delineator.

A French statistician estimates that at the age of fifty years the average Jesse Binga will give their annual walked 800, amused himself 4,000,



MR. HARVEY A. WATKINS

Prominent real estate broker, member of many lodges or secret to cieties, and he is deeply interested in everything pertaining to the advancement of the colored race.

Mr. H. A. Watkins blew into the is responsible for many progression city of Chicago seven years ago and steps taken by it under the leadership has made wonderful progress. He of Dr. W. D. Cook. He is a Thirty. s now engaged in the real estate second degree Mason, a member a business at 3510 Indiana avenue, and the Mystic Shrine, Knights of is one of the largest real estate men Pythias, Odd Fellows, Moniac Tenin Chicago. He is known for his ple of America, the Improved Prohonesty, veracity and square dealing tective Order of Elks of the World with all. He has accumulated a large and many other secret fraternal or amount of property which is located ganizations. He is also a number of in the second and third Wards. He the Appointation Club and a member has recently purchased a beautiful of the Board of Management of the \$20,000 residence at 3667 Michigan Wabash Branch of the Y. M. C. A. avenue and has the distinction of and is interested and active in all owning the finest residence in this community and civic affairs pertaincity owned by people of color.

Mr. Watkins is trustee and treas- group. Mr. Watkins is prominently urer of the Metropolitan Community mentioned for Ward Committeeman Center, the Peoples Church, and has in the Second Ward in the event that ent and your giving me a pres- 2 taken an important part in furthering Hon. E. H. Weight dies not sa the interests of that institution and good himself

ing to the advancement of our racial

## N. A. A. C. P. FIGHTS THEATRE chased seats in the orchestra they

The National Association for the only in the balcony." Advancement of Colored People, 70 Fifth Avenue, has announced the result of letters sent to Loew's, Incorporated, against whose theatres in Harlem complaint of discrimination had been made by colored patrons.

The first letter sent by James Weldon Johnson, secretary of the N. A. A. C. P. to Loew's, Incorporated,

"A number of complaints have come to me regarding the attitude of certain employees at Loew's Theatres, especially those located in Harlem. In certain of these theatres, notably the Victoria Theatre in 125th Street, when colored people-it matters not how respectable they may be-attempt to purchase orchestra seats they are told that none are vacant but they will be seated in the balcony. In some cases when they have purnave been refused aumission in the keepers and told that they can in Mr. Johnson's letter further point

ed out that this constituted a violation of the New York State Civil Rights Law. In reply, finally, the following letter was received at the national office

of the N. A. A. C. P .: "I have before me your letter of

November 30th, addressed to Mr. Marcus Loew. "We are thoroughly aware of the existence of the Civil Rights Law Employees of theatres, in which we

are interested, are instructed by their

espective managements to afford

equal accommodation to all persons. rrespective of race, creed, or color. "Yours very truly, "Loew's Incorporated. "Leopold Friedman, "Secretary



MR. ALEXANDER FLOWER

President of the Roosevelt State Bank, 35th Street and Grand Boule vard, and Mr. Flower wishes all of its patrons and friends a Meri Christmas and a Happy New Year.